

Decision Record
Gem Mine Road Relocation OR 59650

Recommendation

I recommend that a right-of-way for the construction of a single-lane county road be granted to Baker County Road Department. The right-of-way would be located on the following public lands: WM, T. 8S., R. 44E., section 16, lot 11. The length and width of the right-of-way is to be 600 feet by 25 feet. The term of the grant should be perpetual.

This right-of-way should be granted pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761) and be subject to the attached stipulations, which include those derived from mitigation measures in the application and environmental assessment as well as standard District and Resource Area stipulations. No rental is to be charged since the applicant is a unit of local government (43 CFR 2803.1-2 (b)(1)).

Rationale

The proposed action will accomplish the intended objective of moving a county road away from the front of a residence, and will also provide a small improvement in access to public land. The environmental assessment prepared for the project indicates only negligible impacts would occur to most resources on public lands. It would have an impact to a short segment of a feature considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, but prior mitigation would preserve information about the feature.

The action conforms to the Baker Resource Management Plan, approved July 12, 1989, and is compatible with Baker County zoning. It will not interfere with other uses of the public lands or with use of nearby private land. It will not have an adverse impact on the production of energy.

Realty Specialist

Date

Decision

The recommendation and its rationale are adopted as my decision.

s/Penelope Dunn-Woods

July 19, 2004

Field Manager

Date